



# OCTOBER 2014

## INTERPRETIVE ACTIVITIES



### Saturday, October 11, 2014

#### 7:30 p.m. Talk – Enjoy Anza-Borrego's Dark Night Sky!

1.5 Hours



Summer nights are perfect for Stargazing at the Visitor Center! Explore constellations, search for planets, and learn about the importance of dark skies everywhere. Bring a chair or blanket to sit on, binoculars if you have them (you'll be amazed at the view!), and a flashlight (red lens is preferable, to preserve night vision). Telescope viewing if weather permits.

### Sunday, October 12 and Saturday, October 18 and 25, 2014

#### 1:30 p.m. Talk & – The Pollen Path: Seasonal Movements of Native Americans

1 Hour

Discover the amazing secrets of the Native Americans who lived in the area that is now Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. Join Park Aide Steve Russell in an exciting journey through the past as we take a look at how early residents migrated to take advantage of different food supplies.

### Friday, October 24, 2014

#### 8:00 a.m. Hike - Roving Naturalist in Borrego Palm Canyon

3 Hours

Volunteer Naturalist Ann Keenan will be roaming the Borrego Palm Canyon Trail searching for bighorn sheep and other interesting features along the trail. Look for her in her volunteer vest as you hike to the palm oasis. This is not a guided hike.

### Saturday, October 25, 2014

#### 7:30 a.m. Walk - Bird Walk

1.5 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalist Ann Keenan for a walk around the Visitor Center vicinity looking for the common birds of our desert. All birding levels welcome. Meet in the Visitor Center parking lot. Please bring binoculars. Rain cancels.



#### 8:30 a.m. Hike – Behind the Ghost Mtn Story: Facts, Fabrications, and Embellishments

3 Hours

Experience the Marshal South story on this trek up Ghost Mountain with Volunteer Naturalist Dan Leidecker. The hike is steep but relatively short (one mile up, one mile down) and offers a glimpse into the family's life on this remote mountain top. Bring water, a snack, hat and sturdy footwear. Meet at the entrance to Blair Valley, about a 45 minute drive from the Visitor Center.

### Sunday, October 26, 2014

#### 8:00 a.m. Hike - Roving Naturalist in Borrego Palm Canyon

3 Hours

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## DESERT SAFETY

✓ **Carry water AND drink it**

Saving your water for the hike back has led to death in Anza-Borrego. Drink plenty of water before you leave home, while you hike, and on the return route. If you feel thirsty, it is already too late. Drink lots of water and drink often.

✓ **Make sure your vehicle is desert-ready.**

Equip your vehicle for the desert. You should always carry extra water, a shade tarp, a shovel, a tire pump, and extra food.

✓ **Prepare yourself.**

In addition to carrying water, you should have protective clothing, sunscreen, a hat, a good map, food and a first aid kit which includes a comb and tweezers.

✓ **Have a plan.**

Leave all your trip information with a friend. Tell him/her your destination, the route you intend to follow, your expected return time, a description of your vehicle with license plate number, and the time by which he/she should notify park authorities in case you do not return.

✓ **Do not split up the group**

Stay together. Never leave anyone behind to rest.

✓ **Leave snakes alone.**

Many venomous snakes live in the desert. If you threaten them, they may strike. It is illegal to harass, catch, or kill any snake within Anza-Borrego. If bitten, remain calm and seek immediate medical attention.

✓ **When emergencies happen ...**

Stop. Stay calm. Seek shelter. If you are with your vehicle, remain there; do not leave it. Signal with mirrors, white cloth, whistle (three short blasts on a whistle, pause, then three more, repeat frequently), and put your hood up. It is much easier to find a vehicle in the desert than a person!!!

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